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THE ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS

OF

ROBERT AND SARAH CUMMINS

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Robert and Sarah On Their Golden Wedding Anniversary, November 1865

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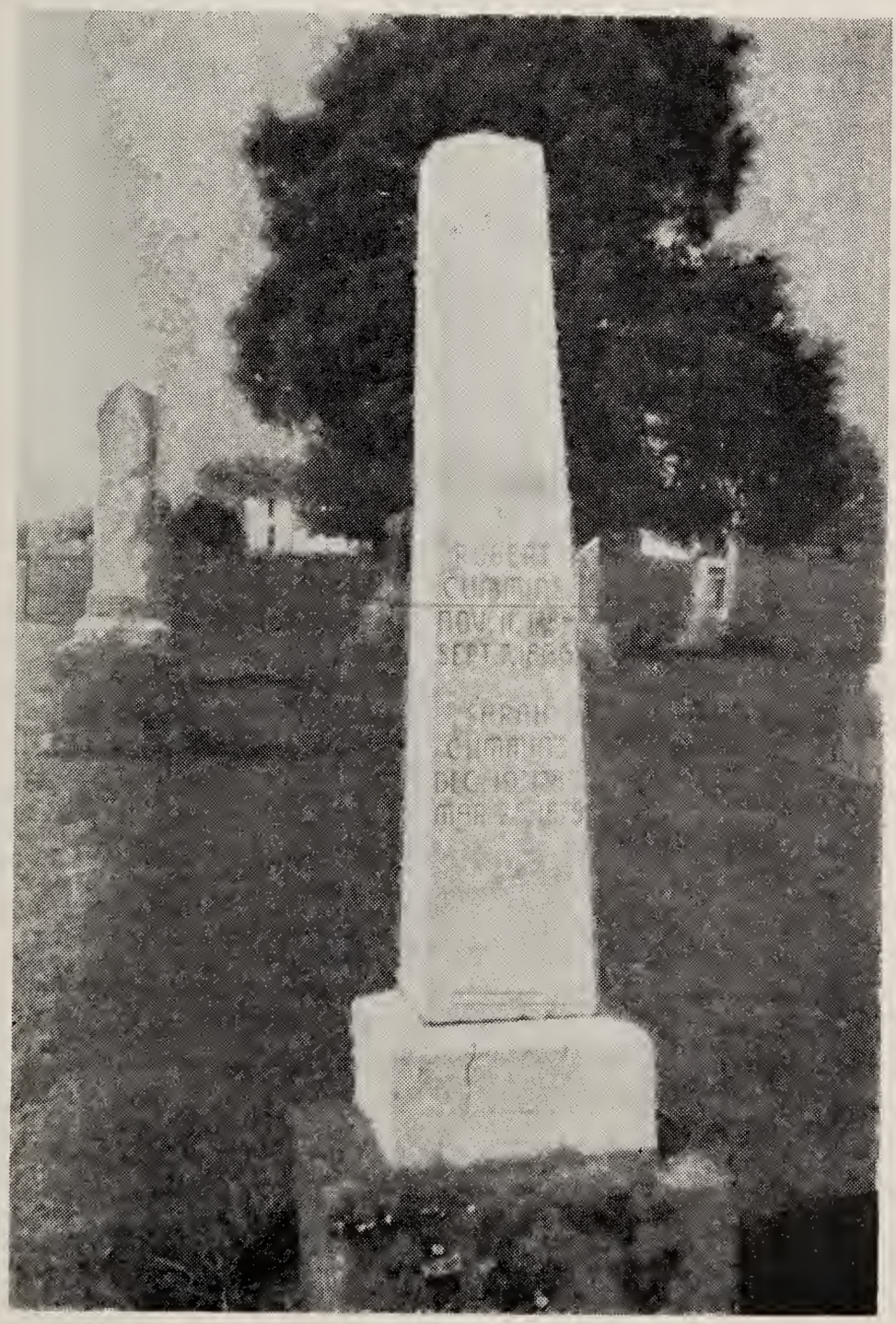

Robert and Sarah are buried in the Lewistown, Ohio cemetery. The farm where they lived can be seen in the background.

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THE NAME

Our forebears in Colonial America were Irish immigrants. The name, however, is English origin rather than Irish. There is reason to believe they lived in Ireland less than a hundred years.

Cummins is probably the last of the different variants of the name Comyn, the others being Comyns, Commin, Cumin, Cumings, Cummin, Cumming, Cummings, Commins and Cummons.

Some references indicate the French town of De Comyng, which is near the Belgian border, holds some significance to the name. Also the name Comminies which dates back to the fourth century in Lombardy, Northern Italy may have some connection.

The name Cummins, no doubt, came into use when the age of heraldry was dying out, this perhaps being the reason for there not being any family coat of arms for the name. The name Cummin does carry a coat of arms, a garb, which most likely is the name from which our name is derived.

SCOTLAND, IRELAND, AND AMERICA

A study of English history from the days of Henry VIII through the seventeenth century, along with a study of the name and heraldry in connection with the name, indicate the forebears of Robert Cummins were living in Scotland at the close of the sixteenth century. This is where they had lived for many generations. The religious conflict in the British Isles during this period of history was the motivating factor for the family to make the move into Southern Ireland. Here they occupied land that had been allocated for Protestant settlement. They only lived there for a few generations, but long enough to acquire the Irish pride and customs, which remained with the family until the twentieth century.

They immigrated to America around 1720 and first settled in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, their port of entry being New York City. This was at a time in history when people of the Old World were flocking to America by the tens of thousands. These were the people who furnished the sons and grandsons who fought in the Revolution. Very few of them ever made the history books nor was any record ever made of their names.

Their lives on this earth, for the most part, are known only to God. Our forebears lived in New Jersey no more than 30 or 40 years until they moved into Virginia. This is where our records start on a more accurate basis.

THE WILL OF SIMON CUMMINS

In the name of God Amen. I Simon Cummings of Farquire County being sick and weak of body, but of perfect sense and memory, blessed be God for the same, do make and ordain this and this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me before made. Impromise I recommend my poor immortal soul into the hands of Almighty God who first gave it to me, hoping through the merits of my blessed Saviour for a full pardon and remission of all my sins and for what worldly estate it hath been pleased to bless me with. I give and bequeath as follows:

I give to my son Alexander Cummings this plantation whereon I now live. All the land I hold in Farquire County to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body and is bounded as follows. That is beginning at the head of the Sheep Tree Branch, thence down the said branch of Med Run, thence from S. D. Run to Hawson Kenner's line. And my will and desire is that my beloved wife may dwell and quietly possess the S. D. Plantation whereon I now live during her natural life. I give to my son John Cummings one young steer of two years ould. Likewise I give to my daughter Sarah Myratt one young heifer of two years old. Likewise I give to my daughter Dieby Edge one young heifer of two years old. Likewise I give to my daughter Conney Birciram one bed and furniture and a cow.

(Part of the will was crossed out. It read as follows: Likewise I give to my son Peter Cummings one young mare. Likewise I give to my son Alexander Cummings one young mare.) Likewise I give to my beloved wife all the remainder of my personal estate during her natural life and in case she should marry, then to be divided between my wife and Peter Cumming and my daughter Elizabeth Cumming.

I appoint my loving wife and my son John Cummings and Alexander Cummings to be my executors of this my last will and testament, signed, sealed, and delivered.

Simon Cummins

In the presence of us this 19th day of April 1771, Danniel Harrill, John Edge.

At a court held for Farquier County the 24th day of June, 1771.

This will was proved by the oaths of Danniel Harrill and John Edge witnessess there to and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Elizabeth Cummins and Alexander Cummins executors therein named, who made oath and acknowledged bond as the law directs. Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Test H. Brookett

This is from a photostatic copy of the original will, which is in will book I, page 182 in the circuit court of Farquier County, Virginia.

Simon Cummins had another person write his will. It is written with a good hand; however, his signature is barely legible. The writer of the will spelled the name two different ways. When it was probated the court used the same spelling as we do today.

FROM VIRGINIA TO OHIO

In 1759 Farquier County was formed from Prince Williams County and it was there that Simon Cummins died in June 1771. We have reason to believe that he was born in County Cork, Ireland and came to America at a young age. The following information from *Memoirs of the Miami Valley,* by J. Hoover and others, Vol. III, pp. 142-143, is justification for such reasoning. This information was given to the authors by Robert W. Cummins (1843-1934), who was quite a historian in his own right. He had a collection of family historical papers that were lost after his death.

According to the article in reference, his grandfather Robert, Jr., was born in County Cork, Ireland and came to America as a lad. In my opinion this is not the exact information he gave the authors of the article. It does, however, give us a lead into more factual reasoning. County Cork, no doubt, is correct, but his grandfather was born in Virginia (1850 and 1860 Federal Census for Ohio, Logan County, Washington Township). Furthermore, his great-grandfather Robert, Sr., and his great-great-grandfather John were native born (1820 Federal Census for

Ohio, Hamilton County, Sycamore Township). The next forebear back would be Simon. I believe Robert W.'s grandfather would have told him many times who the Irish immigrant was and it would seem logical to believe the one who came to America as a lad was Simon.

A James Cummins died in Hunterdon County, New Jersey in May 1753. He divided his property equally among his wife Mary, his son James, and his daughters Mary, Margaret, and Sarah. His brother Thomas, according to his will, was to get his clothes. This family seems to have a connection to ours, so Simon may have been the son of Thomas or the son of another brother. There is no record in Farquier County when Simon acquired his plantation, and it is the belief of the court officials there that he obtained it before 1759, otherwise they would have had a record of the deed. A reference to Peter Cummins states that he was born in New Jersey. He was Simon's youngest son and would have been in his early to middle teens when Simon's will was written. This would put their arrival date in Virginia at around 1758. According to Revolutionary War Records, Peter went to war from Prince Williams County. Other Cumminses closely related to Simon who were living in and around Farquier County during the Revolutionary War period migrated into Ohio in the late 1700's and early 1800's.

After the Revolution, John Cummins, with his son Robert, left the area of Farquier County, and moved westward across the mountains into Greenbrier County, where he lived for six to eight years. It was here that he married his second wife, Jennet, who was younger than he by more than twenty years. Not much is known of his first wife, the mother of Robert. There is no account of other children being born of this union, so it is likely that she died when Robert was quite young. He also was married in Greenbrier County, and it was here that most of his children were born. John was living in Greenbrier County when the 1790 census was taken. He soon left there, however, for his son David was, according to Dr. Drake, the first child born in Cincinnati.

Peter Cummins probably arrived in the Cincinnati area in the 1790's or early 1800's. His name appears on a tablet erected at Hamilton, Ohio, at the site of Fort Hamilton as one of the Revolutionary soldiers buried in Butler County. He left no will nor was any estate settled in his behalf; however, after much comprehensive study of various facts, Absalam and Peter Cum-

mins, who were living in Butler County in the 1820's and 1830's, were most likely his sons, as was the Rev. Alexander Cummins.

Alexander Cummins, the oldest son of Simon, never left Virginia. He died there in 1813 and his estate was sold at public auction in 1815. Two gallons of whiskey, which cost $1.00 per gallon, were served at the sale. A Benjamin Payne was paid $4.00 for supplying the coffin for his funeral. His son Simon was the executor of his estate and another son, William, was the first Cummins to settle in this area (Logan and Champaign Counties). He first settled in Adams Township, Champaign County, arriving there between 1805 and 1808. His son Thomas was born there September 3, 1808. Later William moved into Pleasant Township, Logan County, where he died in 1848. His estate was sold at public auction on August 30, 1848. A few of the items sold as follows: wheat 79c per bushel; corn 11c per bushel; hay $3.00 per ton; a cow for $12.00; a horse for $25.00; sheep sold for $1.00 per head, and a copper kettle sold for $3.75. His son George was the administrator of his estate. Other sons were William, Jr., Thomas, and Simon. These brothers all married and had children. Thomas had the largest number, six boys and two girls (1850 census).

Some of the births of William's grandchildren were reported by my great-grandfather, Alexander. His wife, Minerva, was a reputable midwife in her day and she probably made many of these deliveries. Once while on her way to deliver a baby on a dark rainy night she became lost and the horse she was riding took her back home. To my knowledge William's descendants have completely left this area and I have no knowledge where any of them are living .

THE CUMMINSVILLE STORY

From Charles Theodore Greve: Centennial History of Cincinnati and Representative Citizens. Vol. I, pp. 283-284, 1904

"David Cummins, a son of one of the early pioneers, was born in a house on Third Street opposite the Burnet House. He is said by Dr. Drake to have been the first child born in Cincinnati. The eldest born of a broad and brilliant succession was David Cummins, whose name has been perpetuated in our little neighbor—Cumminsville, the site of which was then a sugar tree wood with groves of paw-paw and spicewood bushes.

The place of his birth was a humble log cabin in front of where the Burnet House now stands.

"Just above this on a knoll was a tavern of Mr. Hutchinson where afterwards was located the celebrated Hoffner residence. Between Mr. Cummins and the Hutchinson family there arose a contest of historic interest. A stream of water flowed from the Hutchinson place from which Mr. Cummins by his deed was entitled to use as much as would flow through 'five three-quarter inch auger holes.' Hutchinson had connected with his tavern a farm of two hundred acres on which was a dairy and on a dry summer's day his wife frightened by the scarcity of water plugged up the pipe to the tannery. It was opened naturally enough by the Cummins faction and again closed. The controversy involved all the members of both families and all those connected with them and all the neighbors. A Corsican Vendetta, to the extent of reprisals in the way of destroying the property of the contestants, ensued. Naturally lawsuits followed and court costs and attendant expenses finally impoverished the litigants. Mr. Hutchinson's farm was mortgaged to the United States Bank and finally on the foreclosure of the mortgage the property was taken by the bank and sold. Mr. Hoffer bought the tavern with 47 acres of land for $5000. Mr. Cummins on his part lost his tan-yard which fell into the hands of Ephraim Knowlton from which runs the name Knowlton's Corner. This is the first instance recorded in the annals of Hamilton County of a serious result from watering stock.

"Knowlton had built his dwelling and his store at the junction of old Wayne and St. Clair roads, now Spring Grove Avenue and Hamilton Pike, along in the early twenties. On the burning of this house he erected the stone structure known as Knowlton's Corner.

"In 1845 he laid out part of his farm in lots extending from Mill Creek to the west of Colerain Pike. When the post office was established, he its first postmaster gave it the name of Cumminsville in memory of the old tanner whose property he had bought.

"The village was incorporated November 29, 1865, and was annexed to the city of Cincinnati as the 25th ward, September 6, 1872."

According to the 1820 census David Cummins had three members of his household engaged in manufacturing, which, of course, would have been operating his tannery. David is not

listed in the 1830 census index for Ohio, so evidently after he lost his tannery he went either to Kentucky or Indiana.

I have read the Cumminsville article in an earlier publication than the one in Greve's history, and it states that the original writer of the article is unknown.

THE REV. ALEXANDER CUMMINS

The Rev. Alexander Cummins was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, September 5, 1787 and died in Cincinnati, September 27, 1823. The sermon delivered at his funeral, by a man who knew him well, gives an insight to his life. He and Robert Cummins, Jr. were close friends. It was the wish of Robert and the sweetheart of his life that he should marry them. This he did while he was employed as a school teacher in the vicinity of South Charleston. He had taken a leave of absence from the ministry for a year to rebuild his health. The great number of people who attended his funeral, as stated in his obituary, is proof of his many friends. His obituary is from the September 30, 1823 issue of the *National Republican and Ohio Political Register,* which is in the Cincinnati Historical Society, Eden Park, Cincinnati. It reads as follows:

"Died in this city, on Saturday night last, after a long illness, the Rev. Alexander Cummins in the 37th year of his age, leaving a wife and two children to lament their loss.

"On Sunday afternoon his remains were conveyed to the Stone Meeting House, and after an appropriate discourse by the Rev. Russel Bigelow to a very crowded and attentive audience were interred in the burying ground attached to that church."

The inscription on his grave marker read: "Sacred to the memory of Rev. Alexander Cummins. Died September 27, 1823, in the thirty-sixth year of his age. Born in Virginia; joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1807; commenced preaching in 1809; was a traveling preacher fourteen years."

Less than five years after his death his grave was leveled to make room for a church extension.

THE GRACE OF GOD MANIFESTED

Extract from a sermon delivered at the funeral of the
Rev. Alexander Cummins
By the Rev. Russel Bigelow

From the Methodist Seminary Library, Delaware, Ohio

Alexander Cummins was born in the state of Virginia on the 5th day of September, 1787. He continued there till he obtained a tolerably good English education. At an early period of his life he was united to the partner of his joys and woes, whom he now left behind to mourn her loss. He soon after moved to the state of Ohio, and settled for a time near the Scioto River, where he was made a subject of awakening grace; and after struggling for some months, he obtained peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. This change he experienced at a prayer meeting, in the twenty-first year of his age, at which time he was enabled to testify that God had power on earth to forgive sin, which evidence he retained till the hour of his dissolution. Not long after his conversion he was exercised about preaching the everlasting gospel. He viewed the world lying in wickedness, groping in darkness, and exposed to misery as he had been. He pitied its condition, and desired its deliverance. He saw a fullness in Jesus; he tasted the sweetness of His grace and mercy; and heartily wished that others might share largely of those heavenly joys. Such were his exercises, his piety, and his gifts, that his brethren soon perceived that the Lord had called him to the work of the ministry. They considered that the circumstances justified them in supposing the Holy Ghost was addressing them, saying, set apart Alexander for the work whereunto I have called him. Hence they gave him a license to preach as a local preacher. He was soon after admitted on trial as a travelling preacher at the conference held in Cincinnati in 1809, which was fourteen years ago, and two years and a half after his conversion. He travelled regularly for five years; the first year on Brush-Creek circuit; the second on Pickaway; the third year on Delaware (now Columbus) circuit; the fourth and fifth years on Deer-Creek circuits. During these labours he suffered many inconveniences, and endured many hardships. He laboured so regularly and zealously by night and day that his constitution seemed to give way; and he found it necessary to rest one year, which he employed in teaching school. Having gained a little strength he again engaged in the work, and was appointed

to the charge of Miami circuit, which at that time was quite laborious. The two following years he was stationed in Cincinnati; the three following he was presiding elder on the Kentucky district; at the close of which he returned to the Ohio Conference, and was appointed presiding elder on Miami district, where he spent the two past years, and ended his labours and his life. In taking a review we may say, first, that Alexander Cummins, was a man of sound mind and good judgment, particularly in spiritual matters. He took considerable pains to improve his mind by reading and a close application to study. As a man and acquaintance he was kind and agreeable, and very much respected. As a parent he was tender, yet strict and particular. As a minister he was regular, zealous, acceptable and useful. As a Christian he was humble, pious, devout, sober and cheerful. His language was good, his sermons in the general, pointed and weighty. His talents were not the most brilliant, but his greatness consisted in variety and goodness. And such was his zeal, variety and usefulness, that few, if any, were more acceptable or popular. His success has been more than ordinary. I have been informed that many were converted during the first years of his ministry. The first information I ever received concerning him was just after he had left his third circuit; I formed an acquaintance in several neighbourhoods in that circuit, in which his zeal and usefulness were spoken of, and when I travelled that circuit nine years afterwards, I found several of his spiritual children, who were still pressing through difficulties, on their journey to the promised land. My acquaintance with him commenced in the latter end of the year 1815; at which time we were appointed to labour together on the Miami circuit. I was young and inexperienced, but in him I found a father, and instructor, and a firm friend. Long shall I remember the good advice and many instructions I received; and the pious examples set before me by the beloved minister, whose funeral sermon I preach. He laboured that year with diligence, zeal and success. His zeal, piety and usefulness, while stationed in Cincinnati the two following years, I need scarcely mention, his piety, his devotion, his fervour, his diligence, his watchfulness, his anxiety, his pathetic sermons, his fervent prayers. You call to recollection the happy hours you enjoyed under his ministry. And some of you, I presume, consider him as the instrument of your conversion. You view him as your spiritual parent under God; and will have cause to praise God forever, that you have had the privilege

of sitting under his ministry. The three years he laboured as a presiding elder in Kentucky,he was acceptable and useful, highly esteemed by preachers and people. His rides were long and (in some parts) rough and mountainous, and his labours so abundant, as to exhaust his debilitated system. The district he has travelled the two past years, is also large and very laborious. He however performed his duties acceptably and usefully, but with great pain, often travelling and preaching when he ought to have had rest, particularly the last six months. I have already said considerable concerning our departed brother, but, I cannot forbear mentioning his wisdom and firmness as a governor in the church. It was here he excelled; here his true greatness appeared. He was not one of those hasty, rash sort of men, but firm and fixed. His weakly constitution which was severely racked with incessant labour, was often attacked with wasting disease, but he bore all with Christian patience. About six months before his death, he was severely afflicted with the measles, but by the divine blessing, he partially recovered, and entered again upon his work. And I think it probable, that his exertion before he was fully restored to health, was one cause of bringing on the disease which terminated his earthly career. He visited the circuit of which I had charge, but a short time before he was taken with his last sickness, and seemed equally diligent and fervent as formerly, though hardly able to keep about. He left our Camp Meeting on Sabbath evening and came home. On the following Friday, rode out to Mechanicsburg about eighteen miles from this place (Cincinnati) to attend a Quarterly Meeting. On Saturday he preached his last sermon, with his usual zeal and pathos, on "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth." That night he was attacked with the disease, which terminated in his death. He was brought home on a wagon and laid on his bed, where he remained for eight weeks, a man of sufferings, racked with pain, and scorched with fever; but he bore all without murmuring. He was grateful for every kindness shown him, and appeared calm, resigned and patient. He said indeed but little about dying, nor did he praise God aloud as some have done; it was not his usual way when in health, but what he did say, was satisfactory. To one friend he said that he had no anxiety about living, but should be willing to live, till he could settle up his temporal business, if it was the will of the Lord; because he could do it better than others, and

thereby prevent trouble after his death; but he was nevertheless willing to resign all into the hands of the Lord. I visited him one week before his death for the first time, and several times afterward. On one of my visits, I talked to him respecting the state of his mind; he seemed composed and resigned, and said he felt that his peace was made with God. The brother who attended on him, asked him a few hours before his death, if he was sensible that he would soon go; he said, "Yes, I shall soon be in eternity." The brother asked him if he had any doubts or fear; he said, "Not any, my way is clear." His departure was on the 27th day of September, a little before seven o'clock in the evening. Thus lived, and thus died our beloved brother Cummins, a pattern of piety, a way mark to Heaven. We do not mean to say that he had no failings, but we say they were comparatively few. He now rests from his labours, and his works follow him.

POLITICS AND THE CIVIL WAR

The first records of political affiliation indicate the family were staunch Democrats. The way Alexander Cummins and his three oldest sons Stephen, Henry, and Robert W. figured in the Civil War is a political classic. All of Alexander's life there had been a rift between the North and the South on slavery and state's rights. His philosophy on these issues was the result of much thought and family influence. During my life I can remember few boys who were afraid to go to war, and since it is my philosophy that generations, in this respect, really do not change much, I would be inclined to believe his sons were not cowards.

Lincoln was a Republican with many political enemies, and one organized group that opposed him was called the Copperheads. It was formed by Clement L. Vallandingham, a Democratic Congressman from Dayton, Ohio. He was a powerful orator with a logical mind and he had tremendous influence on the Democrats to keep their sons out of the war. Alexander was in agreement with the thinking of this man, so he encouraged his sons to stay out of the war. He paid their way out and when this no longer worked he had them hide in the woods and fields to avoid the draft officials. Stephen lost his life while running away from the war. He had gone to Illinois to visit his mother's brother, and while there he drowned on a fishing trip.

Alexander's attitude must have made his sister Eleanor Martin bitter when her husband Nathan went away to war. He served as a private in Company I-156th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered into the service at Camp Dennison on May 17, 1864 for a period of 100 days. His company saw action in Kentucky against Morgan's Raiders and in Maryland against the regular Confederate forces. During this time his son Milton who was 17 years old, and his father Henry who was 83 years old did the farming. Alexander's sons and grandsons all remained faithful Democrats. However, a few of his great-grandchildren have left the fold.

FROM CINCINNATI TO LOGAN COUNTY

When John and Jennet Cummins arrived in Cincinnati they dismantled the raft that had brought them down the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers from Greenbrier County. They used the wood from the raft to build their first home which, according to the writer of the Cumminsville story, "was a humble log house on First Street." After a few years they moved to Sycamore Township, where John operated a water-powered sawmill on Mill Creek. In 1820 his son Robert was living in the same neighborhood and was listed as working in manufacturing, which we may assume was working in his father's sawmill. Another son, David, was tanning hides a few miles away, where he had located in 1817. This area was later to become the village of Cumminsville. The next son, Stephen, and his wife Susan were living in Liberty Township, Butler County. Her father was John Ludlow, a brother of Israel Ludlow, who laid out the city of Cincinnati. Stephen died at a young age (in July 1822) as did his grandnephew who was to carry his name. He drowned in the Burean River in Illinois during the Civil War. Stephen left two children, Martha Jane who was raised by her paternal grandmother, and John Stephen Ludlow Cummins.

A James Cummins who was the nephew of another James Cummins was living next to Stephen in 1820. The older James died in 1819 and the younger James died in 1828, leaving his estate to his son James Perlee Cummins (John had a son by exactly the same name, thus indicating a relationship not too far removed), and a cousin Mary, the daughter of his uncle James.

These people were, no doubt, descended from one of Simon's brothers.

In 1820 there were approximately 48 Cummins families living in Ohio, of which 25 or 30% were rather closely related. By 1830 the number had increased to around 70. During this decade John's family experienced many adversities. David, after his misfortune, left the state. Robert moved to Twiggs County, Georgia. James, Isaac, Stephen, and John, Jr. died during this period, and Peter married and occupied a house next to his mother near Sharonville. John died May 17, 1826 leaving his estate to his second wife, Jennet, his sons Robert, James, David, Isaac, Henry, John, Jr., and Peter, a granddaughter Martha Jane, the daughter of Stephen Cummins.

Robert Cummins, Jr., was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, November 11, 1787, the year our constitution was written. Sometime around 1800 his family moved to Sycamore Township, Hamilton County. During the next few years he probably worked in his grandfather's sawmill. Lumber was in great demand then as Cincinnati was growing quite rapidly. Sometime between 1810 and 1815 he arrived in the Mechanicsburg area. This is where he courted and married the girl he was married to for over fifty years. According to Bible records they were married near South Charleston, Ohio in Clark County. However, the court records are in the Champaign County Court House. Robert and Sarah Shawl were married November 16, 1815, by the Rev. Alexander Cummins. Sarah was born December 19, 1789 in York Borough, York County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John Shawl. They were living in Pleasant Township, Clark County in 1820, 1830, and 1840. This is where their seven children were born. Their first, who was named for the preacher who married them, was Alexander, born October 17, 1816. The others were Eleanor, born March 3, 1818; James F., born July 23, 1820; Hiram, born April 22, 1823; Joseph W., born April 6, 1826; William Shawl, born October 4, 1828—died May 11, 1829; and Margaret Ann, born June 19, 1830.

Since Robert, Sr., left no will or estate settlement we know little about Robert, Jr.'s brothers and sisters. His brother John A. was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, January 23, 1798. This brother and his wife Electa were witnesses to some legal papers relative to the settlement of Robert and Sarah's estate in 1875. Another brother, Joseph, was living in Goshen Township, Champaign County in 1830. A William Cummins who was

married in Clark County January 22, 1819 to Martha Merriman may also be a brother.

On March 3, 1849, Robert and Sarah moved from Clark County to Lewistown in Logan County. The following July 25 he purchased 80 acres on the northwest corner of Lewistown at sheriff's sale for $586.67. This was two-thirds of the appraised value. The sheriff's sale was an outgrowth of a judgment taken against Isaac Cooper by Abram Cherry, who was then 86 years old. Robert and Sarah farmed and made this their home for the rest of their lives. They were faithful members of the Lewistown Methodist Protestant Church and they seldom missed a worship service. Robert passed away September 7, 1866 at the age of 79 years. His wife survived him until March 25, 1875, at the age of 86. They are buried in the Lewistown cemetery. Their heirs sold the farm on May 29, 1875 for $4200 to Noah Miller. At the Cummins reunion held June 29, 1958, at the home of Martin and Martha Cummins, the descendants of Robert and Sarah contributed the necessary money ($50.00) to have the lettering recut on their grave marker. It is in the northwest corner of the cemetery.

On December 16, 1839, Alexander, the eldest child of Robert and Sarah, was married to Minerva Martin in Champaign County by the Rev. John Rogers of Mechanicsburg. Minerva was born August 26, 1816 in Lewis County, Kentucky, the daughter of Henry and Sarah Martin. In the spring of 1846, after the births of their first four children, Stephen, Henry, Robert W., and Jasper, they moved from Clark County to Logan County. On October 2, 1848, he bought a farm about three miles north of Lewistown, just inside Stokes Township. In the spring of 1859, Alexander and his family, which by this time included six more children, Judson, Margaret, Charity, James, Joseph, and Electa, moved to a farm in the northwest part of Stokes Township. A few months later their youngest daughter Mary was born. This is where Alexander and Minerva spent the rest of their lives. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New Hampshire. As a voter he supported Democratic candidates and principles. He died February 4, 1882 of blood poisoning, which was caused by a horse bite. Minerva survived him until July 21, 1907. They are buried in the Walnut Hill Cemetery near New Hampshire.

Eleanor, the second child of Robert and Sarah, was married January 9, 1844 to Nathan Martin who was the son of Henry

and Sarah Martin. Nathan was born in Lewis County, Kentucky on July 1, 1820. His father Henry was born December 17, 1780 in Connecticut, and his mother Sarah was born October 22, 1779 in Maryland. They were married in Kentucky. Some of the older members of the family have said they left there during the heat of the feud between the Martins and the McCoys. Henry and Sarah were living in Goshen Township, Champaign County in 1840 and 1850. In 1860 and 1870 they were living with Nathan and Eleanor in Auglaize County. They both died in 1871, Henry on May 6 and Sarah on August 8. Nathan and Eleanor had six children and Milton was the only one to live to adulthood. Eleanor died July 26, 1887 and Nathan survived her until February 12, 1902. They are buried in the south central part of the Walnut Hill Cemetery near the graves of Alexander and Minerva. The graves of Nathan's parents are also nearby. During her life Eleanor suffered many trials and tribulations. The family into which she married had opposing political views to her own family. She had to endure the deaths of five of her children, and when she was 46 and her husband was 44 she saw him go away to the Civil War.

James F. Cummins, the third child of Robert and Sarah, was married in Logan County, September 24, 1861 to Anna E. Cahill. To their union were born four children, Prior, Nettie, Emma J., and Albert (Burt). James died of tuberculosis on October 19, 1877 in Logan County. According to his will, the custody of his four children was to go to his brother Joseph W., unless his wife lived up to certain standards that he had set forth. He also is buried in the Walnut Hill Cemetery near the grave of his brother Alexander.

Hiram Cummins, the fourth child of Robert and Sarah, was married in Logan County March 17, 1863 to Minerva Bodkins, who was born April 27, 1842. To their union were born two sons, Gideon and Charles. Minerva died of infantile paralysis on September 23, 1868. After her death, Hiram and his young sons moved into the household of his mother and sister Margaret Ann. On March 29, 1871 he married Angeline Black. After he came to the Lewistown vicinity in 1849 he operated a tile kiln and later a general store in Lewistown. He died June 15, 1894 and is buried beside his first wife Minerva in the Lewistown Cemetery near the graves of his father and mother.

Joseph Wilkins Cummins, the fifth child of Robert and Sarah, was married in Champaign County November 23, 1848

to Anna Vandevanter, who was born in 1827. To their union were born one son and two daughters, Mary, John, and Sarah (Jennie). They were living in Washington Township, Logan County in 1850. Later they moved to a farm southwest of New Hampshire in Auglaize County where they lived the rest of their lives. Anna died in 1916 and Joseph in 1918. They are buried in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

William Shawl Cummins was the sixth child of Robert and Sarah and he died in infancy.

Margaret Ann Cummins, the youngest of Robert's and Sarah's children, was married August 21, 1871 to Levi Peterson in Champaign County. No children were born of their union. According to the minutes of the 1903 reunion, she and her brother Joseph W. were the only living children of Robert and Sarah. She died of cancer October 13, 1903 in Stokes Township.

TEN GENERATIONS IN AMERICA

The first to live in America was the generation of James Cummin and his brother Thomas, who was probably the father of Simon. They, no doubt, had other brothers living in the area of Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Simon, of the second generation, also had other brothers, some of whom settled in the same area of Virginia he did. This probably was the generation that added the "s" to the name. From the third generation on we have more information. This was the generation of John, our direct ancestor, and his brothers Alexander and Peter. The fourth generation was Robert, Sr., our direct ancestor, and his brothers David, Stephen, James Perlee, John, Jr., Henry, Peter and his sister May. The fifth generation included Robert, Jr., the subject of our history, and his brothers Joseph and John A. They, too, may have had other brothers. The sixth generation included the children of Robert, Jr. Starting with his oldest child, Alexander, we will continue to the tenth generation. (In a few cases information has only been available to the eighth generation.) After Alexander will come Eleanor, the second child of Robert, Jr., and so on to the tenth generation.

JOHN CUMMINS (1742-1826)

GRANDFATHER OF ROBERT CUMMINS

FROM THE PAPERS OF

JAMES P. CUMMINS (1849-1914)

John Cummins was born December 17, probably in the year 1742 in Somerset County, New Jersey, and died near Sharonville, Ohio, on May 17, 1826. His second wife was born Jennet Johnson October 6, 1766 in Morris County, New Jersey, and died in January 1844 at her home in Sharonville. John's first son Robert was born of his first wife July 29, probably in the year 1765 in Farquier County, Virginia. Robert's first wife's name was Jane. She was born in Scotland and died in Butler County, Ohio, August 12, 1812. Sometime between 1820 and 1826 Robert moved to Twiggs County, Georgia. His second wife was Ridley McCullas whom he married in Jackson County, Georgia. He died in Twiggs County March 14, 1835.

John's second son, James, was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, April 22, 1788. He was the first child of John's second marriage. James' first marriage was to Polly Erwin August 9, 1813. Their marriage was short for she died January 11, 1814. On April 20, 1820 he married Mary Perlee and to this union was born one son, James Perlee in 1824. James died February 23, 1826 in Butler County. James Perlee Cummins received his medical degree in 1844 and became a prominent doctor in Butler county. In 1862 he was commissioned a lieutenant in the Union Army and served as a physician and surgeon in the Eighty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. When the war ended he was discharged with the rank of captain. He married Nancy R. Miller and to their union were born five children, Emma, James Perlee, Jr., Lucy, John, and Ella. He died in 1871 and is buried in the Union Township Cemetery at West Chester, Ohio. James Perlee, Jr. was born September 25, 1849. (This information is from his personal papers) For 44 years he was an educator in and around Cincinnati. The J. P. Cummins School in Cincinnati was named in his honor. On July 13, 1886 he was married to Mary Albach and to their union were born two children, Ralph, October 30, 1887 and Dorothy, December 19, 1892. James Perlee, Jr. died February 12, 1914. Ralph was twice married, first to Grace Warmington and second to Clarriet Ridgley. His prominence in the ministry was such that his name appeared in several editions of "Who's Who in America." He died in an automobile accident May 4, 1965. Dorothy married George H. Godley and they have one daughter, Virginia,

born December 31, 1925. She married Richard E. Walker and they have two children, Bret, born March 28, 1954, and Darcey, March 26, 1957.

According to Dr. Daniel Drake the first birth in the City of Cincinnati was David Cummins who was John's third son and was born June 5, 1790. On November 13, 1816 he married Josiah White in Springfield Township, Hamilton County. He died in August 1844 in Madison, Indiana.

John's fourth son was Isaac, born October 23, 1792. He married Margaret Baxter January 31, 1815, and died January 16, 1827. He is buried in the Union Township Cemetery at West Chester.

Stephen, the fifth son, was born February 23, 1795. On April 24, 1817 he married Susan Ludlow. His death occurred August 2, 1822. Their son John L. died September 2, 1823.

Henry, John's sixth son was born September 30, 1797 and died July 27, 1832.

Jennet, the only daughter of John and Jennet was born April 24, 1800 and died February 26, 1801.

John, Jr., the seventh son, was born October 21, 1802 and died in the home of his older brother Robert in Twiggs County, Georgia, June 19, 1826.

Peter, the youngest of John and Jennet's children was born February 24, 1805. He died July 22, 1832, his wife, Adaliza died July 29, 1832, and their daughter Caroline died July 28, 1832. This family and also Peter's brother Henry all died during the Asiatic Cholera epidemic of the summer of 1832.

Jennet Cummins outlived all her children except David, and he only outlived her by just a few months. John and Jennet's children lived to an average age of 30 years. John's oldest son Robert, lived to about the age of 70.

The May Cummins and James Perlee Cummins mentioned in John's will were his grandchildren and not his children as stated on page 20.

THE DESCENDANTS OF HENRY CUMMINS, SECOND SON OF ALEXANDER

Stephen Cummins, first son of Alexander, b. 1840 d. 5-?-1865. He never married, so we continue to Henry, the second son of Alexander.

Henry Cummins (7th gen.) b. 1-26-1842 d. 10-7-1912 m. Louvina Miller b. 3-31-1844 d. 10-?-1924. Children—Ord, Hannah Alvada, Nathan, Elden, Minerva, Venice Esther, Dorothy and John. (8th gen.)

Ord Cummins b. 8-8-1868 d. 4-24-1950 m. Nancy Houchin b. 9-28-1867 d. 6-10-1949. Son—Forest (9th gen.) b. 2-20-1892 m. Katie Hawkins b. 1-21-1890 d. 2-10-1935. Children—Carmine b. 4-17-1914 d. 12-26-1928; Norman b. 5-20-1915 m. Eleanor Fay; Neil b. 5-28-1917 m. Winola Toland; and Kenneth b. 9-13-1923 m. Mary Longworthy. (10th gen.)

Hannah Alvada Cummins b. 5-29-1871 d. 7-23-1914 m. Cate Stephens b. 2-23-1869 d. 1927. Children—The first died in infancy, the others were Gail, Bessie, Naomi, Raymond and Martha. (9th gen.)

Gail Stephens b. 2-29-1892 d. 12-20-1954 m. Mary Nieberle. Children—Lee and Martha. (10th gen.)

Bessie Stephens b. 5-9-1894 d. 9-1-1953 m. Henry Ward. Children —Edmund b. 9-?-1914 m. Dorothy Yinger; and Eveley. (10th gen.)

Naomi Stephens b. 2-8-1896 m. 8-9-1919 to Forest Ballinger b. 12-19-1892 d. 2-?-1956. Dau.—Nadine b. 6-29-1926 m. 1-23-1945 to Wayne Green. (10th gen.)

Raymond Stephens b. 9-2-1899 m. Ruth Baker. Children—Kay and Garry. (10th gen.)

Martha Stephens b. 9-?-1902 m. Henry Morris b. 1900 d. 1946. Children—Ronald b. 6-28-1934 and Danny. (10th gen.)

Nathan Cummins b. 8-23-1874 d. 4-?-1938 m. Florence Miller b. 2-2-1875 d. 2-27-1952. Children—Chester, Dorothy, Hazel, Mary Esther, Dora Kathryn, Elmer, Florence, Edgar, Robert and June. (9th gen.)

Chester Cummins b. 9-9-1895 d. 3-14-1965 m. 9-9-1921 to Helen Yantis b. 1-5-1902. Children—Robert b. 9-14-1922 m. 6-10-1945 to Rita Rush; Janet b. 4-26-1925 m. 6-21-1942 to Larry Hall; and Richard b. 8-24-1926 m. 3-11-1949 to Virginia Waldron. (10th gen.)

Hazel Cummins b. 1899 d. 1901.

Mary Esther Cummins b. 2-28-1902 m. Herschel Worthington. Children—Carlyle m. Marie Delandster; Robert; James m. Florence Connley; and Tyson. (10th gen.)
Dora Kathryn Cummins b. 6-18-1905 d. 1948 m. Clarence Freeman. Children—William m. Evelyn Woodrun; Mary Jane m. Harry E. Rogers; Orpha Louise m. Robert Lee Marks; and Gloria May m. Kenneth Emmons. (10th gen.)
Elmer Cummins b. 1-3-1907 d. 8-?-1950 m. Hattie ?. Children—Donald, Robert, Gene and Vernon. (10th gen.)
Florence Cummins b. 3-27-1910 m. Thurman Steen. Children—Patricia b. 12-2-1929 m. Richard Smith; and Jill b. 8-11-1940 m. Paul Baker. (10th gen.)
Edgar Cummins b. 1912 d. 1912.
Robert Cummins b. 11-6-1915 m. Martha Moser. Children—Dolores and Walter. (10th gen.)
June Cummins b. 6-2-1919 m. Bernard Lehman. Dau.—Darlene b. 8-16-1940 m. Jack Beckett. (10th gen.)

Elden Cummins b. 11-7-1875 d. ?. m. 10-18-1898 to Blanche Cowhick. Children—Lucile m. Ed Carter; Susie m. ? Oakley; Walter; Evelyn m. Dan Oakley; Honesty; and Pearl m. ? Brown. (9th gen.)

Minerva Cummins b. 3-20-1877 d. ? m. Henry Baer. Children— Eunice, Lillian, Harmon, Myrl, Delmis and Merrit. (9th gen.)

Venice Esther Cummins b. 9-28-1880 d. 6-2-1917 m. Richard Smith b. 2-28-1876 d. 9-9-1949. Children—Kenneth, Edna, Leland and Audrey. (9th gen.)
Kenneth Smith b. 11-24-1899 d. 12-28-1902.
Edna Smith b. 6-7-1901 m. 8-4-1924 to Lester Uetrecht b. 1-8-1904. (9th gen.)
Leland Smith b. 10-24-1903 m. 10-30-1939 to Fay Jersey. (9th gen.)
Audrey Smith b. 9-19-1914 m. 3-31-1935 to Boyd Chivington b. 10-19-1913. Children—Richard b. 7-5-1937; Judith b. 2-12-1939; Sharon b. 12-25-1941; Corla b. 6-20-1944; Brice b. 10-15-1945; Roger b. 5-12-1947; Byron b. 8-12-1948; Annette b. 3-30-1950 d. 4-22-1950; Kenneth b. 7-20-1952; Melisa K. b. 1-14-1957; and Debra Dawn b. 12-5-1958 d. 12-21-1960. (10th gen.)

Dorothy Cummins b. 3-5-1887 m. Russell Duncan b. 11-27-1880 d. 8-3-1953. Children—Bernard, Donald, Everett, and Nolan. (9th gen.)

Bernard Duncan b. 6-5-1904 m. Mildred Candill. Dau.—Mary Ann (10th gen.)
Second m. 11-28-1935 to Alice Mayfield b. 9-6-1912. Children—Danny Joe b. 7-17-1940 d. 7-18-1955; and Larry b. 2-13-1946. (10th gen.)
Donald Duncan b. 1-27-1910 m. 6-30-1934 to Elizabeth Walls b. 7-16-1910. Children—Jerry Lee b. 3-6-1941; Michael Eugene b. 8-16-1947; and Donald Lynn b. 11-2-1948. (10th gen.)
Everett Duncan b. 5-12-1913 m. 7-27-1940 to Thelma Hood b. 2-18-1915.
Nolan Duncan b. 7-15-1922 m. 1-8-1945 to Kathleen Tolan b. 1-2-1925. Dau.—Karen Sue b. 10-5-1952. (10th gen.)

John Cummins b. 1890 d. 1893.

THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT W. CUMMINS, THIRD SON OF ALEXANDER

Robert W. Cummins (7th gen.) b. 4-14-1843 d. 1-13-1934 m. 10-30-1867 to Susan Andrews b. 5-16-1844 d. 10-21-1885. Children—Ralph and Phineas. Second m. 12-2-1891 to Sarah Smith b. 1853 d. 1922. Children—Lela and Mary. (9th gen.)

Ralph Cummins b. 10-30-1870 d. 10-23-1948 m. 4-12-1893 to Elizabeth Taylor b. 8-12-1875 d. 1-11-1938. Children—Norma, Wilbur, Mildred, Robert, Nila and Kenneth. (9th gen.)
Norma Cummins b. 11-21-1894 m. 12-13-1911 to Orlo Shaner b. 1-20-1893 d. 10-21-1962. Children—Robert b. 6-27-1912 m. Lucile Pence. Second m. Mary Smith; Cecil b. 9-28-1917 m. Ralph Shellenbarger; Ralph Shaner b. 2-23-1920 m. Doris Campbell; Roger b. 8-13-1927 m. Joan Moore; Janet b. 7-25-1932 m. Brooks Knock; and Reed b. 10-27-1936 m. Louis Herren. (10th gen.)
Wilbur Cummins b. 6-5-1896 m. 7-17-1922 to Hattie Harpest b. 1-5-1905. Children—Cecil b. 10-15-1922 m. 4-19-1947 to Ruby Alsbaugh; and Darrel b. 11-26-1923 m. 3-27-1947 to Betty Conn b. 11-18-1922. (10th gen.)
Mildred Cummins b. 4-10-1898 m. 7-30-1917 to Sam Harpest b. 3-17-1894. Children—Berdean b. 4-4-1918 m. 4-15-1939 to Nellie Moser; Verlin (Bud) b. 10-13-1920 m. 11-27-1953 to Margaret Tarrell; Vernes b. 10-13-1920 m. 8-23-1938 to Harry Krites; Floyd b. 1-18-1923 m. Hulda Cox; Carol b. 4-10-1933 m. 1-18-1953 to Fred Roberts; and Sharon b. 10-25-1938 m. 6-18-1961 to Richard Holley. (10th gen.)

Robert Cummins b. 5-28-1901 m. 8-15-1927 to Ruth Burden b. 12-23-1909 d. 1-20-1947. Children—Richard b. 12-28-1927 m. 6-14-1947 to Coleen Morris; Jack b. 3-29-1930 m. Nancy Black; William b. 5-5-1931 m. Phyllis Holycross; Vernon b. 2-15-1933 m. Carol Winegardener; and Robert, Jr. b. 2-28-1935 m. Judy Tait. (10th gen.)

Nila Cummins b. 8-22-1905.

Kenneth Cummins b. 4-25-1910 m. 1-1-1939 to Olive Van Horn b. 9-23-1915. Children—Nancy b. 7-3-1940 m. 5-31-1959 to Robert Hillery; and Robert b. 7-3-1940. (10th gen.)

Phineas Cummins b. 7-16-1873 d. 4-26-1953 m. Rosetta Shaw d. 12-2-1917. Children—Clarence, Opal, Hazel, William, Milton, Lester and Carl. (9th gen.)

Clarence Cummins b. 7-20-1897 m. Tosia Alsept.

Opal Marie Cummins b. 5-1-1903 m. 10-7-1920 to William S. Brown b. 1-15-1899. Children—Robert J. b. 8-4-1922, killed in W.W. II Jan. 1945; Elizabeth b. 8-2-1924; James b. 2-14-1927 m. Frieda Black b. 10-18-1929; Richard E. b. 6-29-1928 m. Beatrice Spires b. 2-9-1928; Joan Maxine b. 1-14-1933 d. 7-2-1951; Paul M. b. 6-10-1935; and Carl M. b. 6-10-1935 m. Faith Bill b. 5-26-1937. (10th gen.)

William F. Cummins b. 11-3-1908. Children—William, Jr. b. 1-7-1934 and Howard F. b. 8-7-1935. (10th gen.)

Milton Cummins b. 8-27-1910. Children—Diane and Janice. (10th gen.)

Lester Cummins b. 8-?-1915 d. 11-8-1917. (9th gen.)

Carl D. Cummins b. 11-7-1917 m. 8-12-1939 to Ruth Davis. Children—Ferrol b. 7-11-1940; Phyllis b. 8-22-1942; Gary b. 10-25-1945; Larry b. 10-25-1945; Judy b. 2-3-1947; Sandra b. 10-18-1954; and Linda b. 11-8-1957. (10th gen.)

Lela Cummins b. 11-19-1893 d. 4-28-1965 m. Osea Willits.

Mary Cummins b. 11-21-1896 m. 11-10-1917 to Ollen Nebergall b. 8-7-1900. Children—Lauren, Emily and Everett. (9th gen.)

Lauren Nebergall b. 4-25-1918 m. Leon Warner b. 2-5-1919. Children—Bruce b. 4-4-1941; Dean b. 9-9-1942; and Marilyn b. 3-10-1947. (10th gen.)

Emily Nebergall b. 10-2-1920 m. Jerome Wasserman b. 1-1-1920 Children—Carol b. 4-26-1944; Kathline b. 2-20-1946; and Tommy b. 9-11-1947. (10th gen.)

Everett Nebergall b. 12-12-1928 m. Carol Lynch b. 1-8-1935. Dau.—Shirley Kay b. 7-20-1957. (10th gen.)

THE DESCENDANTS OF JUDSON CUMMINS FIFTH SON OF ALEXANDER

Jasper Cummins (Jap) (7th gen.), the fourth son of Alexander, b. 2-14-1845 d. 4-?-1921. Never married, so we continue to Judson, the fifth son of Alexander.

Judson H. Cummins (7th gen.) b. 12-1-1846 d. 4-14-1914 m. 10-29-1872 to Olive Buffenbarger b. 1953 d. 1914. Children—Garland, Berthold, William Ira, and Edna. (8th gen.)

Garland Cummins b. 7-25-1875 d. 5-1-1952 m. 4-9-1904 to Coila Hutchinson b. 8-1-1886. Children—Hearl, Pauline, and Bernard. (9th gen.)

Second m. to Martha Bower b. 8-16-1890.

Hearl Cummins b. 10-30-1905 d. 5-13-1910.

Pauline Cummins b. 3-6-1909 m. 5-10-1930 to Clarence Winner b. 11-16-1903. Children—Patty b. 11-1-1934 m. 6-8-1954 to James Hall b. 5-9-1930; and Peggy b. 11-3-1938. (10th gen.)

Bernard Cummins b. 4-30-1914 d. 11-2-1954 m. Jerry Wilgus b. 9-4-1915. Children—Susan b. 7-12-1940 m. 6-28-1959 to George Brugler; Kay b. 12-1-1946 d. 1-23-1947; and Tony b. 4-19-1949. (10th gen.)

Berthold Cummins b. 2-20-1878 d. 2-10-1940 m. 1904 to Cora Van Horn b. 9-26-1880 d. 9-18-1958. Children—Audrey, Howard A., and Byron. (9th gen.)

Audrey Cummins b. 5-9-1906 m. Leonard Marriott.

Howard A. Cummins b. 2-2-1908 m. Evelyn Wood b. 9-28-1917. Children—Berthold II b. 3-21-1948; and David Howard b. 6-27-1949. (10th gen.)

Byron Cummins b. 4-1-1912 d. 11-28-1913.

William Ira Cummins b. 9-19-1880 d. 11-17-1958 m. Laura Stocker b. 2-16-1886. Dau.—Ruth b. 6-29-1906. (9th gen.)

Edna Cummins b. 4-19-1888 d. 11-30-1958 m. William Morris b. 2-12-1885 d. 1940. Children—Wilda b. 2-5-1913 d. 9-18-1958; and Olive b. 9-28-1914. (9th gen.)

THE DESCENDANTS OF MARGARET CUMMINS TAYLOR, FIRST DAUGHTER OF ALEXANDER

Margaret Cummins (7th gen.) b. 1-6-1849 d. 2-13-1934 m. 6-25-1871 to William Vance Taylor b. 10-13-1844 d. 1-10-1929. Children—Oscar, Hattie and Jason. (8th gen.)

Oscar Taylor b. 1-1-1874 d. 6-24-1893.

Hattie Taylor b. 8-24-1877 m. William Cox. Second m. Finley Markley. Dau.—Lola (9th gen.) m.? Campbell. Children—Roger and Glena m. Stanley Ward (10th gen.)

Jason Taylor b. 2-11-1886 m. Mary E. Smith b. 10-14-1887 d. 5-5-1930. Second m. Ollie Dobie b. 8-29-1901. Children—Lavera b. 6-26-1932; Franklin b. 12-13-1933; Charlene b. 12-25-1936; and Marlene b. 12-25-1936. (9th gen.)

THE DESCENDANTS OF CHARITY CUMMINS KENNEDY, SECOND DAUGHTER OF ALEXANDER

Charity Cummins (7th gen.) b. 9-11-1850 d. 12-30-1918 m. 12-24-1878 to William Kennedy b. 12-31-1837 d. 5-14-1918. Children—Lee Alexander, George, third son died in infancy, Frank G., fifth son died in infancy, Russell Robert and Tabitha. (8th gen.)

Lee Alexander Kennedy b. 9-27-1879 d. 4-21-1955. Never married.

George Kennedy b. 3-10-1881 m. Effy Keeler Layton. Children—Donald b. 8-26-1909 m. Velma Jordan; Dorothy b. 8-16-1913 m. Paul Hilkey; Vivian b. 2-2-1916 m. Baron Helbert; and William b. 9-21-1919. (9th gen.)

Frank Good Kennedy b. 9-26-1886 m. Mary Wooley d. 6-30-1928. Children—Carl D., Tabitha Eloise, Elizabeth Jane, Mary Margaret and Robert Lee. (9th gen.)

Carl D. (Buck) Kennedy b. 2-5-1917 m. Helen Willoby. Children—Sheila Deann b. 10-31-1937 m. Chas. Emerson Snapp b. 6-28-1934; Sybil June b. 1-13-1939 m. Carl Wallace b. 10-18-1938; Patricia b. 2-8-1942 and Christine Susanne b. 5-10-1950. (10th gen.)

Tabitha Eloise Kennedy b. 3-27-1919 m. George Shultz. Children —Mary Ellen b. 12-7-1937 m. Jon A. Rhoades; Ronald William b. 3-7-1941 m. Judy Stacy; and Dennis D. b. 3-26-1944. (10th gen.)

Elizabeth Jane Kennedy b. 7-23-1921 m. Robert Ammons b. 10-22-1919. Children—Robert F. b. 10-2-1939 and Gloria b. 6-5-1942. (10th gen.)

Mary Margaret Kennedy b. 5-17-1924 m. Gaylord Reed b. 8-14-1923. Children—Kayleen b. 8-7-1943 m. 1-6-1963 to Richard Ziegler; Gayle b. 11-1-1947; Lavena b. 5-28-1949; Mary S. b.

12-27-1948; and Barny b. 9-23-1956. (10th gen.)
Robert Lee Kennedy b. 6-24-1928 m. 6-9-1953 to Ruth Focht. Children—Robert Wesley b. 5-18-1954; Rebecca b. 11-24-1955; and Francis Lucile b. 12-2-1956. (10th gen.)

Russell Robert Kennedy b. 10-5-1890 d. 3-9-1943. Never married.

Tabitha Kennedy b. 9-29-1893.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JAMES CUMMINS SIXTH SON OF ALEXANDER

James Cummins (7th gen.) b. 10-13-1852 d. 3-1-1913 m. Mary Houchin b. 1-20-1854 d. 3-11-1931. Children—Leslie, Almeda, Ruby, and Alva. (8th gen.)

Leslie Cummins b. 1890 d. 4-6-1893 of the croup.

Almeda Cummins b. 10-25-1891 m. 10-25-1911 to Walter Lee b. 2-10-1887 d. 3-21-1962. Children—Helen, Josephine, Pauline, and Mary. (9th gen.)
Helen Lee b. 9-4-1912 m. Nathan Kaser b. 11-11-1907. Children —Richard b. 9-1-1936 m. 9-4-1956 to Carol Whitling; and Larry b. 1-20-1943. (10th gen.)
Josephine Lee b. 1-7-1914 m. 1-14-1950 to Anthony Vastano d. 4-23-1956. Second m. 7-28-1962 to Howard Koehl b. 9-13-1909.
Pauline Lee b. 1-15-1916 m. Robert Kolter b. 9-6-1915. Children —Jean b. 4-17-1941; and Kenneth b. 2-6-1944 m. 3-28-1964 to Esther Feasel. (10th gen.)
Mary Lee b. 1-31-1919 m. Jack Ellis. Dau.—Carolyn b. 1943 m. 10-6-1962 to Robert Hirshman. (10th gen.)

Ruby Cummins b. 3-20-1893. Son—Gerald. Ruby m. Guy Kieth b. 11-13-1888. Gerald Cummins b. 9-5-1914 m. 9-14-1935 to Clarabelle Watlington. Children—Nancy b. 1-12-1940 m. 11-5-1960 to William O. Bolton, Jr.; Allen b. 11-20-1945; and Franklin b. 5-25-1947. (10th gen.)

Alva Cummins b. 9-5-1897.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH A. CUMMINS SEVENTH SON OF ALEXANDER

Joseph Alva Cummins (7th gen.) b. 10-21-1854 d. 9-16-1942 m. 10-20-1882 to Jennie Murray b. 3-8-1865 d. 4-29-1916. Chil-

dren—M. Jackson, Issac, and Roy A. (8th gen.)

Martin Jackson Cummins b. 7-1-1883 d. 5-14-1914 m. 3-3-1910 to Florence Chamberlain b. 2-24-1887. Children—Roy C., Joseph M. and Martin J. (9th gen.)

Roy C. Cummins b. 1-29-1911 m. 2-16-1943 to Earline Longbreak b. 4-15-1917.

Joseph M. Cummins b. 5-6-1913 m. 3-21-1940 to Nora Mae Wookman b. 9-17-1910. Children—Carole Anne b. 12-4-1940 d. 11-17-1948; Joseph M., Jr. b. 9-27-1942; and Jeffery b. 7-1-1946. (10th gen.)

Martin J. Cummins, Jr. b. 1-19-1915 m. 7-4-1942 to Martha Kemper b. 9-28-1918. Children—Joan Anita b. 4-11-1946; Linda Mae b. 8-25-1947; and Phyllis Ann b. 7-20-1952. (10th gen.)

Issac Jasper Cummins b. 12-1-1885 m. 12-15-1917 to Iva Trout b. 7-23-1896 d. 9-4-1937. Children—Ruth, Earl L., Dorothy, and Jackie. (9th gen.)

Ruth Cummins b. 4-7-1919 m. Kenneth Hockett. Dau.—Iva m. Robert Jones. (10th gen.). Ruth's second m. Truman Moore.

Earl L. (Johnie) Cummins b. 6-10-1922 m. Cathline Atkinson b. 12-16-1924. Dau.—Leslie Diana b. 1-25-1949. (10th gen.)

Dorothy Cummins b. 6-23-1925 m. 9-7-1944 to David Allison b. 8-8-1921. Children—Joyce b. 5-28-1945; Aleta b. 7-17-1948; and Michael b. 7-24-1949. (10th gen.)

Jackie Cummins b. 5-30-1931 m. 9-19-1952 to Peggy Belyew b. 3-26-1930. Children—Deborah Ann b. 8-13-1953; Jaqueline b. 11-23-1954; and Joseph Phillip b. 10-27-1962. (10th gen.)

Roy A. Cummins b. 6-24-1894 d. 6-7-1919 m. 4-21-1917 to Bonnie Wren b. 8-20-1894. Son—Roy Emerson Cummins (9th gen.) b. 8-8-1918 m. 8-15-1945 to Helen Kitchen b. 1-1-1919. Dau. —Janice Lucile b. 10-22-1948. (10th gen.)

THE DESCENDANTS OF ELECTA CUMMINS BOGART, THIRD DAUGHTER OF ALEXANDER

Electa Susan Cummins (7th gen.) b. 10-27-1857 d. 10-20-1945. M. John Bogart b. 1854 d. 1922. Children—Blanche, Mary, Hannah, Sylvia, Golda and George. (8th gen.)

Blanche Bogart m. William Clayton. Children—John and Naomi. (9th gen.) John Clayton's children—Betty and Ladonna. (10th gen.)

Naomi Clayton m. Carl Pickering.

Mary Bogart b. 12-2-1880. Son—Everett. Mary m. 10-20-1900 to Lewis Dudgeon b. 10-1-1878 d. 3-5-1963. Children—Ellen, Ray, Sylvia and Evelyn. (9th gen.)

Everett Bogart b. 3-14-1899 m. 1919 to Julia Patterson. Son—Gene b. 1920. Second m. 6-18-1929 to Cora Metz b. 5-28-1908. Children—Larry b. 3-5-1942 and Virginia. (10th gen.)

Ellen Dudgeon b. 11-16-1902 m. 1-1-1921 to Harry Worrell b. 2-12-1899. Dau., Imogene b. 9-3-1923 m. Kenneth Jerew. (10th gen.)

Ray Dudgeon b. 6-19-1907 m. 12-9-1933 to Francis McCright d. 9-2-1962.

Sylvia Dudgeon b. 9-28-1909 m. Leon Long b. 2-9-1899. Dau.—Jeronne b. 4-16-1924, m. Robert Cavinder. (10th gen.) Second m. Harold Sheperd b. 12-11-1894 d. 4-3-1964.

Evelyn Dudgeon b. 7-12-1909 m. 10-17-1928 to Lawrence Randall b. 2-14-1908. Dau.—Dorothy b. 10-14-1930. (10th gen.)

Hannah Bogart b. 6-30-1883 m. Pearl (Doc) Downing b. 3-3-1882. Children—Forest, Emma and George. (9th gen.)

Forest Downing b. 11-4-1910 m. Wanda Sprowl b. 1-24-1918.

Emma Downing b. 4-6-1917 m. Rody Cummings. Son—Kenneth. (10th gen.)

George Downing b. 5-16-1920 m. Naomi Long. Children—Marcia and George, Jr. (10th gen.)

Sylvia Bogart m. Curtis Wallace. Children—Neil and Robert. (9th gen.)

Neil Wallace m. Lois Buffenbarger. Children—Sharlene b. 6-29-1938 m. 6-13-1957 to Thomas Bault; and Gary Lee (Jerry). (10th gen.)

Golda Bogart b. 4-11-1890 m. 5-13-1911 to Raymond Knotts b. 10-18-1889 d. 4-8-1953. Children—Evon, Burdett, Raymond, Jr., Richard, and Betty. (9th gen.)

Evon Knotts b. 12-13-1911 m. 11-14-1931 to Walter Eisert b. 10-1-1905. Children—Richard b. 11-20-1932 m. 6-9-1952 to Carol Heinl; and Marilyn b. 4-12-1936 m. 9-11-1954 to Jack Selover b. 11-17-1935. (10th gen.)

Burdett Knotts b. 8-14-1917 m. Isabelle Taylor b. 8-25-1920. Children—Ursula b. 2-7-1938 m. Dale Jenkins b. 6-18-1934; and Michael b. 7-17-1941 m. Carolyn Frempert. (10th gen.)

Raymond Knotts, Jr. b. 2-11-1921 m. 10-?-1945 to Velma Smith b. 1925. (10th gen.)

Richard Knotts b. 1922 m. 1947 to Mary Blossom. Children—Richard, Jr. b. 1947 and Uyolanda b. 1953. (10th gen.)

Betty Knotts b. 11-9-1924 m. Wilmoth Franklin Jones b. 5-4-1909 d. 3-21-1960. Children—Christine b. 4-18-1950 and Terry b. 2-4-1953. (10th gen.)

George Bogart m. Luella Andrews. Children—Monna, Kenneth, Byron, and Velma. (9th gen.) George's second m. Hetta Walters.

Monna Bogart b. 5-5-1909 m. 9-24-1932 to Melvin Galbreath b. 10-27-1906. Children—Thomas b. 12-18-1936 m. 10-5-1957 to Audrey Richards and David b. 1-7-1944. (10th gen.)

Kenneth Bogart b. 5-19-1911 m. Irma Minniear b. 4-7-1915. Children—Steven b. 11-24-1944 and Susan b. 2-24-1950. (10th gen.)

Byron Bogart b. 8-23-1916 m. 12-27-1941 to Mary Gilardi b. 12-21-1915. Children—William b. 5-7-1943; Robert b. 7-27-1946; Michael b. 5-4-1953; Rebecca b. 3-3-1948; Teressa and Mark (twins) b. 3-10-1956. (10th gen.)

Velma Bogart m. 9-22-1944 to Walton Sarver. Children—James b. 4-27-1945; John b. 11-4-1946; and Marijane b. 10-5-1950. (10th gen.)

MARY CUMMINS TAYLOR
YOUNGEST CHILD OF ALEXANDER CUMMINS

Mary Cummins (7th gen.) b. 8-19-1859 d. about 1880 m. John Taylor. Dau.—Tabitha b. about 1880 d. about 1898 of typhoid fever.

THE DESCENDANTS OF MILTON M. MARTIN
SON OF ELEANOR CUMMINS MARTIN

Milton Mershon Martin (7th gen.) b. 7-11-1847 d. 1911 m. Margaret Ann Scullin b. 2-27-1850 d. 1924. Children—Thomas Elza, Mina Eleanor, Thirza Diamy, and George Hearl. (8th gen.)

Thomas Elza Martin b. 5-16-1871 d. 1-22-1931 m. Clara Grange.

Mina Eleanor Martin b. 4-20-1874 d. 5-29-1947 m. Robert E. Hull. Dau.—Neva Marie. (9th gen.) Second m. James Fredrick Taylor.

Neva Marie Hull b. 9-22-1895 m. Carl Gombert. Children—

Gordon Louis b. 2-11-1918 m. Jean Douglas; and Eleanor b. 5-29-1920 m. 8-23-1942 to James Clevudon. (10th gen.)

Thirza Diamy Martin b. 6-29-1878 d. 7-29-1961 m. Edwin Scott. Son—Foster Martin Scott (9th gen.) b. 9-5-1906 m. 6-15-1929 to Grace Rawlings. Dau.—Barbara Ann m. George Franks. (10th gen.)

George Hearl Martin b. 2-27-1885 d. 3-19-1958 m. Emma Eby. Son—Glen Elza Martin b. 3-1-1912 m. 5-23-1936 to Martha Gardener. Children—John Anthony Martin b. 10-29-1941; and Paul Eugene Martin b. 7-28-1944. (10th gen.)

THE DESCENDANTS OF JAMES F. CUMMINS SON OF ROBERT & SARAH CUMMINS

James F. Cummins (6th gen.) b. 7-23-1820 d. 10-19-1877 m. 9-24-1861 to Anna E. Cahill. Children—Prior, Nettie, Emma Josephine, and Albert (Burt). (7th gen.)

Prior Cummins b. 12-27-1862 d. 1-24-1936 m. 10-17-1894 to Elizabeth Aylworth.

Nettie Cummins b. 3-19-1865 d. 1939 m. 12-30-1885 to William V. Morrison b. 1863 d. 1949. Children—Bonnie, Goldia, Tira, and Oral. (8th gen.)

Bonnie Morrison b. 1888 d. ? m. Herman Rogers. Children—Maureen and Robert. (9th gen.)
Maureen Rogers b. 7-9-1907 d. 1931.
Robert Rogers b. 7-9-1909 d. 7-29-1961 m. Betty Davis. Children—Bruce b. 1-19-1936 d. 2-1-1957; and Barbara b. 9-21-1940 m. William Stamm. (10th gen.)

Goldia Morrison b. 12-10-1889 d. 5-?-1939 m. Fred Howe b. 11-28-1886. Children—W. Reginald and Byron. (9th gen.)
W. Reginald Howe b. 3-29-1915 m. Helen Nunemaker. Children —Robert b. 12-9-1933 m. Barbara Bender; Marilyn b. 2-22-1935 m. Kay Jameson; Douglas b. 1-25-1939 m. Alice Moore; Debbie b. 6-3-1951; and Carole b. 1-22-1953. (10th gen.)
Byron Howe b. 2-17-1923 m. Barbara Boerger. Children—Reginald b. 2-5-1956 and Candi b. 4-23-1961. (10th gen.)

Tira Morrison b. 1891 d. 1922. Dau.—Irene b. 1919 d. 1961. (9th gen.) He went to Saskatchewan, Canada around 1907 where he lived the rest of his life.

Emma Josephine Cummins b. 4-28-1869 m. 4-29-1892 to

Burt Wheeler. In 1907 they moved to Saskatchewan, Canada. Later they moved to Minnesota.

Oral Morrison b. around 1894 d. 2-4-1931.

Albert Cummins b. 10-3-1871 d. ?. He had no children.

THE DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES CUMMINS SECOND SON OF HIRAM CUMMINS

Gideon Cummins (7th gen.), the first son of Hiram, b. 12-3-1863 d. 7-1-1927. Never married, so we continue with *Charles Cummins* b. 10-19-1865 d. 4-23-1937 m. 8-19-1888 to Sarah Walters b. 8-24-1870 d. 8-7-1945. Children—Flossie May, Lanford Dale, Floyd and Beatrice Pauline. (8th gen.)

Flossie May Cummins b. 12-6-1893 d. 9-13-1898 of diphtheria.

Lanford Dale Cummins b. 7-7-1897 d. 1-5-1964 m. 1-14-1919 to Lula Smith b. 6-27-1902. Children—Areva, Darrel, Wanda, Lowell and Lois. (9th gen.)

Areva Cummins b. 4-3-1921 m. Dalas C. McKinley. Children—Darrel b. 12-17-1935 m. Pat Stevens. Second m. Anna Lee Pincella; and Georgia b. 9-4-1937 m. James Morris. (10th gen.)

Darrel Cummins b. 3-5-1923 m. 3-1-1947 to Evelyn June Cook.

Wanda Cummins b. 9-23-1927 m. 1-23-1946 to Nelson Penhorwood b. 1927 d. 1948. Dau.—Cheryl b. 12-9-1946. Second m. 7-1-1950 to Ray Penhorwood. Dau.—Deborah b. 9-11-1952. (10th gen.)

Lowell Cummins b. 6-5-1931 m. 9-23-1950 to Nevada Prater b. 5-4-1931. Son—Randy b. 1-11-1951. (10th gen.)

Lois Cummins b. 6-5-1931 m. 2-23-1952 to Bradly Walters b. ? d. 2-22-1964. Children—Douglas b. 1-11-1953; Larrel b. 7-7-1956; and Gerold b. 12-7-1960. (10th gen.)

Floyd Cummins b. 4-9-1900 m. Mary Smith.

Beatrice Pauline Cummins b. 2-16-1909 m. 1-23-1929 to Kenneth Young b. 1-17-1903.

THE DESCENDANTS OF MARY CUMMINS LUSK FIRST CHILD OF JOSEPH W. CUMMINS

Mary Cummins (7th gen.) b. 8-28-1849 d. 6-14-1943 m. Harvey Milton Lusk b. 10-31-1852 d. 6-29-1930. Children—

Jason, Flavilla, Daisy Alice (died in infancy), Lenore, Orman and Joseph. (8th gen.)

Jason Lusk b. 12-8-1872 d. 4-23-1944 m. Edith Harrod b. 8-6-1874. Dau.—Bessie (9th gen.) m. David Decoursey. Children —Maxine and Dean. (10th gen.)

Flavilla Lusk m. Watson Morris. Children—Pleasant Franklin and Carl. (9th gen.)
Carl Morris m. Orito Shroyer. Children—Arville and Russell. (10th gen.)

Lenore Lusk m. Roy Copeland. Children—Bernard and Lavon. (9th gen.)

Orman Lusk b. 12-23-1889 m. 5-14-1911 to Marguerite Reinhart b. 4-25-1891. Children—Kenneth, Waneta and Jeanette. (9th gen.)
Kenneth Lusk b. 2-6-1912 m. Kay Tingley b. 2-10-1913.
Waneta Lusk b. 4-29-1918 m. Walter Lynn. Children—Lynette Sue b. 9-29-1941 m. Robert Emmons; Patricia Annette b. 3-8-1943; Eric Alan b. 6-16-1946; and Heather Jean b. 6-18-1952. (10th gen.)
Jeanette Lusk b. 12-7-1924 m. Gene Askins. Children—Robert, Kenneth and Mary Kay. (10th gen.)

Joseph Lusk b. 1-16-1892 m. 6-30-1918 to Zelma South b. 11-22-1897. Dau.—Pauline b. 5-22-1919. (9th gen.)

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN A. CUMMINS SON OF JOSEPH W. CUMMINS

John A. Cummins (7th gen.) b. 4-9-1853 d. 5-8-1935 m. Hattie Shelton b. 2-17-1859 d. 12-26-1942. Children—Arthur and Nora. (8th gen.)

Arthur Cummins b. 1-17-1887 d. 3-7-1924 m. 4-2-1915 to Nellie Van Horn b. 2-8-1892. Son—Byron (9th gen.) b. 11-17-1921 m. 6-2-1946 to Dorothy Butler b. 8-13-1926. Children—Byron, Jr. b. 11-24-1947; Lilburn b. 7-21-1949; Nancy Ann b. 8-24-1950; and Donald b. 10-15-1953. (10th gen.)

Nora Cummins b. 2-17-1889 m. 11-25-1908 to Arthur Clifton Andrews b. 2-23-1887 d. 1-21-1945. Children—Morris Shelton, Margaret Macie, Myron Clay, and Erma Kathleen. (9th gen.)
Morris Shelton Andrews b. 10-3-1909 m. 5-6-1945 to Allegra Mae Hall b. 10-22-1917. Children—Dianne Marie b. 2-14-1947; Miles

Shelton b. 4-30-1949; and Miriam Malinda b. 11-3-1952. (10th gen.)

Margaret Macie Andrews b. 9-4-1911 m. 1-21-1932 to Gail Wilford Heileman b. 7-16-1910. Children—Mary Maxine b. 12-12 1932 m. 8-5-1956 to Arthur Edward Starts b. 7-16-1927; Evelyn May b. 2-15-1934 m. 6-7-1958 to Nelson Wayne Brownell b. 10-19-1932; and Nevelyn Fay b. 2-15-1934 m. 6-7-1953 to Rex Elmo Line b. 1-21-1928. (10th gen.)

Myron Clay Andrews b. 7-31-1913 m. 4-5-1942 to Ellen Charlotte Bretschneider b. 6-15-1922. Children—Sharon Lee b. 6-9-1944; and Vicki Lynn b. 1-26-1951. (10th gen.)

Erma Kathleen Andrews b. 1-22-1923 m. 4-21-1946 to Robert Lenix Stotts b. 1-9-1923. Children—Randall Peck b. 12-30-1948; and Kevin Lee b. 2-27-1952.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JENNIE CUMMINS CORDREY, DAUGHTER OF JOS. W. CUMMINS

Sarah Jennie Cummins (7th gen.) b. 1858 d. 1937 m. 12-26-1879 to John Cordrey b. 1855 d. 4-25-1932. Children—Bernard (Bernie) and Harry b. 8-7-1898. (8th gen.)

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